

equality and opportunity for all Americans. During my first 2 years in the Senate, Senator COHEN joined in hearings on the effect of a popular music genre known as "gansta rap." Senator COHEN made it clear that while he respected the First Amendment claims of the young men who produced the music, all of us—parents, politicians and corporations—have a responsibility to address the ugly realities which that music reflected. He was right, once again, and our country has benefitted from the attention the music industry gave his admonitions.

The State of Maine and the Nation will lose a fine public servant when BILL COHEN retires at the end of this Session. The senior Senator from Maine has served his State and the country with integrity, leadership, and dignity. I wish Senator COHEN and his wife Janet all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE OF SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, the dictionary defines a humanitarian as "a person devoted to promoting the welfare of humanity, especially through the elimination of pain and suffering." The picture next to the definition of humanitarian ought to be a picture of Senator HATFIELD.

Over these last 4 years, I have had the honor of working with and learning from the Senior Senator from Oregon. His commitment to the well-being of all people, his historic work to eliminate nuclear proliferation, and his commitment to his State of Oregon have made him a role model in the Senate.

Senator HATFIELD and I agree on many issues. He is a man who truly believes that education is even more important to our national defense than a missile system. His contributions to math and science education will leave a lasting mark on our Nation's youth and future scholars. As the steward of the Appropriations Committee, his steadfast commitment to education funding has earned him numerous professional accolades, my enduring admiration, and the thanks of millions of American schoolchildren and parents.

Where we don't agree, I have never ceased to respect his courage and integrity. We disagreed on the balanced budget amendment, but he earned my admiration as he voted against the amendment and against intense pressure from his party's leaders, because he believed it was the right thing to do. It was a mighty reminder of the strength of principle in men of character.

Senator HATFIELD's rational, bipartisan approach to issues, his respectful manner, and his quiet leadership will be sorely missed. The Senate is a body in which ideas are discussed, arguments made, and thoughtful votes cast. Senator HATFIELD exemplified this ideal of the Senate.

As a representative of the State of Illinois, I would also like to commend

Senator HATFIELD for his taste in historical figures. As a Presidential history scholar, he has had the good sense to focus much of his attention on Illinois' native son, Abraham Lincoln.

President Lincoln could have been describing the character and approach of MARK HATFIELD when he said in his second inaugural address, " * * * with malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us [or, in this case, him] to see the right."

The clearest praise for the work of Senator HATFIELD comes from the people of his State of Oregon. He has never, in his 46 years in public service, lost an election. The people of Oregon have supported him from the State Legislature to the state house to the Senate.

MARK HATFIELD is the longest serving Senator in the history of Oregon. I do not need to tell the people of Oregon that they are losing a great voice, but I will tell them that the Senate is losing a great man. We will all miss Senator HATFIELD, and I wish him well as he leaves the Senate after 30 years of dedicated work for the people of Oregon, and the people of the United States.

THE RETIREMENT OF SENATOR BILL BRADLEY

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I am honored, but also saddened, to be here speaking about one of our finest retiring colleagues, Senator BILL BRADLEY of New Jersey.

As one of the newest members of the Senate Finance Committee, I have had the privilege and the pleasure to work with Senator BRADLEY for only a brief period; however, I have had the opportunity to see what an enormous impact he has had, and I have had the benefit of his counsel and advice—something I will surely miss.

I am sure that all of my Colleagues share my sentiment regarding the outstanding leadership demonstrated by Senator BRADLEY in the Senate. Not only has he been an asset in his position as a Senator, but also in the various positions that he has held over his career. Mr. BRADLEY served this Nation in a number of ways during his lifetime. He represented this country as a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team and from 1967 through 1978 he served this country in the Air Force Reserves. He was a very popular pro basketball player for the New York Knicks during the 1967 through 1977 seasons. BILL BRADLEY has truly been a public servant throughout his life, and it is my hope that after retiring from the Senate, he will go on to serve in another position of national leadership.

In the Senate, BILL BRADLEY has been a central figure in the national fiscal debate, on family issues and helping to strengthen the traditional Democratic values that define our Nation.

Senator BRADLEY is the author of many bills and resolutions here in the

Senate but has distinguished himself as an author of a book that had a huge impact on tax policy in the United States, entitled, "The Fair Tax," published in 1982. "The Fair Tax" led directly to the most significant tax legislation of our generation, the 1986 Tax Reform Act. This Act ended the abusive tax shelter regime and closed huge loopholes in many areas of the tax law. Consequently, billions of dollars in revenue were saved. Although many in this body deserve credit, it was Senator BRADLEY's undying persistence and intellectual integrity that were largely responsible for that major tax reform.

Demonstrating a keen understanding and willingness to work on fiscal legislation has not hindered the Senator's efforts to advocate on behalf of families. He has used the bully pulpit of the Senate to hammer home the need for, among other things, more innovative methods of dealing with issues that affect the impoverished of our Nation.

The Senator has worked to prevent cuts in the earned income tax credit, which is legislation that truly helps families go from welfare to work. This measure has proved viable in rewarding work and providing tax relief to those who need it most.

Senator BRADLEY's hallmark, the Urban Community-Building Initiative, has served to revitalize national domestic policy. Three of the main features of this legislation: Community Policing, Community Schools, and Community Banking are essential to revitalizing our communities and restoring its economy, education, and safety. The Senator's Self-Reliance Loans will pave the way for every student to have an opportunity to go on to seek a higher education. Countless future generations will reap the benefits of his education vision and it will prove a long-term benefit for America's economy as a whole.

As a Senator who is noted for having conviction in the face of compromise and faith above cynicism, Senator BRADLEY has shown himself to be a model for statesmanship and as a model for real leadership and real heroism—the kind that is the backbone of democracy. I believe that it was this conviction that has compelled him to speak out on the divisive issue of race. Senator BRADLEY has pushed all Americans on toward a higher calling—to look beyond race, religion, and creed but to relate on personal human levels. In doing so, he has been a true defender of American values, a true Senator for the people of the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America.

I, like many of my colleagues, hope that Senator BRADLEY will continue to serve the public on a national level. His is a voice that bridges community and generation gaps that is needed in the 21st century. As the Senator himself eloquently stated, "there are other ways to serve the country."

In short, Senator BRADLEY has been a model of senatorial excellence. His passion, commitment, and zealous representation will all be greatly missed,

yet it is Senator BILL BRADLEY, the personal man, whom we shall miss most.

I know I will miss him greatly. He has always been willing to take the tough stand, to defend American principles and American values, and he has always worked to make sure that the opportunity to achieve the American Dream was available to every American, he has always demonstrated the kind of modesty, good judgment, and good humor that is the hallmark of real leadership.

Senator BILL BRADLEY has lived a life filled with accomplishment. I know that although he is leaving the Senate, his work on behalf of the American people is far from over. I look forward to seeing him continue his record of achievement in whatever new role he chooses.

SENATOR SHEILA FRAHM

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words about a Senator who has been with us briefly, but has nonetheless, made an impact on all of us in the Senate. SHEILA FRAHM joined us in June, bringing the number of women in the Senate to nine, an all time high. This is not the first time that Senator FRAHM has made history. Before her arrival in the Senate, she served as the first woman Lieutenant Governor in Kansas and prior to that, she was Kansas' first woman Senate majority leader.

However, Senator FRAHM is much more than a history maker. In her time here, she has proven how seriously she takes her job as a legislator and policymaker. The best example of this can be found in her voting record, which is perfect. And her voting record is perfect because SHEILA FRAHM decided that it was more important for her to remain in Washington to debate important issues like Kennedy-Kassebaum healthcare reform, and the welfare reform bill than for her to return to Kansas to campaign for reelection. SHEILA FRAHM proved just how senatorial she really is in prioritizing legislative business over her own political race.

I have every confidence that Senator FRAHM will continue to serve her beloved Kansas with the same calm, good humor, and steadfast dedication to duty which she exhibited here in the Senate of the United States.

THE RETIREMENT OF U.S. SENATOR AL SIMPSON

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, as most of the Members of this body, I rise today to wish Senator AL SIMPSON a fond farewell. After 18 years of superior service to the State of Wyoming and his country, Senator SIMPSON is leaving the Senate to teach at Harvard.

AL SIMPSON was born in Cody, Wyoming, a town founded by Buffalo Bill. He comes from a family that helped

settle much of northwestern Wyoming and has a long tradition of public service in Wyoming. His father was governor of Wyoming from 1954 to 1958, and served in the U.S. Senate from 1962 to 1966.

AL SIMPSON began his career in public service when he joined the Army, upon graduation from college. He served overseas in the 5th Infantry Division and in the 2nd Armored Division in the final months of the Army of Occupation in Germany. In 1956 he received an honorable discharge and returned to Wyoming to study law at the University of Wyoming. Upon graduation from law school he joined his father's law firm and practiced law in his hometown of Cody for 18 years.

Senator SIMPSON began his political career in Wyoming's State Legislature. In 1964 he was elected to the State Legislature as a State representative of his native Park County. He served there for 13 years.

In 1978, following in his father's footsteps, AL SIMPSON was elected U.S. Senator. He won subsequent reelection bids in 1984 and 1990, easily defeating all challengers.

In the U.S. Senate, he quickly became known for his support of Social Security reform, immigration reform, and veterans issues. I came to recognize his commitment to entitlement reform, when I had the pleasure of serving with him on the bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform in 1994. We also served on the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over certain mandatory spending programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Federal retirement. It was clear from day one that Senator SIMPSON believes that entitlement reform should be a priority in this country. Continuing his belief in reform, I understand that he plans to teach his students at Harvard about the state of entitlement programs, among other things.

During his career in public service, he has won a variety of honors, including the Distinguished Alumni of the University of Wyoming, honorary law degrees from Notre Dame, American University, and Rocky Mountain College, and a variety of awards including the Silver Helmet Award from AMVETS of World War II.

The Senate will miss a Member who is known for his support of bipartisan solutions. I have enjoyed working with ALAN SIMPSON. I will miss his wonderful sense of humor, his willingness to always say what he thinks, and his intellectual integrity. Although we have often disagreed, I am proud to have served with ALAN SIMPSON. I would like to add for the record my respect for this man who has served Wyoming and his country well. I wish Senator SIMPSON, his wife Ann, and his family all the best for the future.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR DAVID PRYOR

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my colleague and friend, Senator DAVID PRYOR, who will be leaving the Senate at the end of this term.

Public service is a strong tradition in Senator PRYOR's family. His mother was the first woman in Arkansas to run for public office after the passage of the 19th amendment, and both his father and grandfather were county sheriffs.

Senator PRYOR's own involvement in public service began early, as a congressional page. During that time, Senator PRYOR demonstrated both his commitment to a life of public service and his ability to accurately predict the future: As a teenage page, he placed a dime in one of the recesses of a column of the Capitol, and vowed that he would return for that coin as a Senator. Less than three decades later, after serving three terms in the Arkansas House, three terms in the U.S. House, and two terms as Governor of Arkansas, Senator PRYOR reclaimed his dime, which had somehow eluded cleaning crews for all those years.

I am grateful to have served with Senator PRYOR on two committees: Finance and Special Aging, where I have had the opportunity to observe first hand his dedication to serving the needs of our Nation's elderly and children in need, as well as his delightful creativity.

Senator PRYOR's commitment to serving the needs of older Americans was first demonstrated when he was a young freshman Congressman. He was innovative enough to host a number of catfish fundraising dinners to establish the House Select Committee on Aging, which he housed temporarily in a trailer. Senator PRYOR later served as the chairman of the Senate Special Aging Committee, where he concentrated his efforts on improving the quality of long term care in nursing homes. In his own inimitable fashion, he gathered information about these issues while serving as an undercover orderly in the 1960's. The most recent example of his creativity and his thoughtfulness came to fruition earlier this week, when the entire Senate sported bow ties in honor of my colleague, PAUL SIMON. Senator PRYOR arranged to have the ties made in Little Rock as a tribute to my fellow Illinoisian.

The Senate will not be the same without DAVID PRYOR. His presence in Washington will be sorely missed by Arkansas, by the Senate, and by me, personally. I am very proud to have served with him.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, in a very short time, the 104th Congress will adjourn for the last time